

The GENERAL HISTORY, of

as we treat those in Apoplectick Fits he had been a dead Man.

A Person had an Abscess in his Back, and after having taken the Medicine called *Neui to che fuen* the Abscess increas'd, and a great quantity of Pus came from it, which was followed with excessive Vomiting, and a high Fever; the * six Pulses of his Hands were deep, stiff, and strong, which are all very bad Symptoms in these Cases: I made him presently take some of the Electuary of *Gin seng*, diluted with the Water distilled from *Bamboo* when it is fresh gather'd; he took in all about six Pound of the *Gin seng*, and a large quantity of the *Bamboo*, after which he found himself perfectly cured.

Ten Days after there happen'd to be a furious high Wind, when the Abscess formed itself a second time, and filled with Matter; there appeared in the middle of it a red Line, which passing below the Shoulder-blade terminated on the right side; I instantly order'd some of the Electuary of *Gin seng* to be made, and that he should take it in some of the Decoction of *Cong couei* and Orange-Peel, putting some *Bamboo-Water* and Ginger-Juice in it: After having taken three Pound weight of this Medicine the Abscess broke, and the Patient, being afterwards treated in a right Method, was cured.

If after the breaking of an Abscess the Patient finds his Blood and Spirits exhausted, if he vomits, and can take nothing, or has other unfavourable Symptoms, he must take of *Gin seng*, *Hoang ki*, and *Tan couei*, equal quantities, which when boiled to the consistence

* *When the Chinese feel the Pulse, they do it to both Hands one after the other; they lay three Fingers on the Artery, which three Fingers are close to each other, and the Pulse which answers to each Finger has a particular Name, which makes three Pulses to each Hand; they pretend to say that each Pulse marks the Disposition of the vital Parts which answer to it.*

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